

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 2837 - SB 3560**

March 2, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Increases the penalty from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony for any person to willfully abuse, neglect or exploit any adult.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$120,600 / Incarceration\***

**Decrease Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant**

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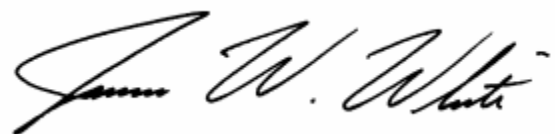
Assumptions:

- Twenty persons will be convicted of a Class E felony offense for abuse of an adult in the first year. Population growth of 1.09 percent per year will result in two additional offenders charged with this offense in the tenth year as a result of this bill. The maximum cost in the tenth year, as required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 9-4-210, is based upon 22 offenders serving 0.3 years.
- Twenty-two offenders will serve 0.3 years (109.58 days). According to the Department of Correction, the average operating cost per inmate per day for calendar year 2006 is \$50.02. The cost per inmate is \$5,481.19 (\$50.02 x 109.58 days). The total operating cost is \$120,586.18 (\$5,481.19 x 22).
- There will not be a sufficient decrease in the number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant decrease in revenues or expenses.

*\*Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.*

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director